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FOR FAA AND DEPARTMENTFORNEA/ARP, FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF CAAG MEMBER SMITH

REF: STATE 197311

1. I CONVEYED ORALLY TO DGCA AUGUST 10 FAA'S APOLOGIES IN SMITH CASE. DGCA EXPRESSED HOPE A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT WOULD BE FOUND SOON BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

2. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM DGCA A LETTER MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL", TEXT AS IN PARA 3.

3. "AS DISCUSSED OVER THE TELEPHONE WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR MR. SMITH IS ARRANGED AT AN EARLY DATE.
"WE WOULD STRESS THAT FAA SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION THAN IN THE PAST IN SELECTING A CANDIDATE FOR THE ABOVE POST. YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL APPRECIATE THAT IN A RELATIVELY NEW ORGANIZATION LIKE OURS WE NEED EXPATRIATES WHO ARE NOT ONLY EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD BUT ALSO REASONABLY CAPABLE OF ADAPTING THEMSELVES TO EXISTING LOCAL CONDITIONS.

"OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE TWO PREVIOUS NOMINEES OF FAA FOR THE POST OF PERSONNEL LICENSING OFFICER HAS BEEN RATHER UNFORTUNATE AND WE DO HOPE THAT THE SITUATION WILL CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

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"YOUR EXCELLENCY IS KINDLY REQUESTED TO ENSURE THAT THE
PERSON NOMINATED BY FAA IS VERY CAREFULLY CHOSEN. PLEASE
ARRANGE
TO SEND HIS DETAILS TO US FOR OUR PERUSAL AND
COMMENTS BEFORE A FIRM COMMITMENT IS MADE FOR HIS RECRUITMENT.
"EARLY ACTION IN RESPECT OF THE FOREGOING WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED."

4. COMMENT: LETTER SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. IN NO UNCERTAIN
TERMS SALIM BIN NASSIR IS SAYING WE HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE
TO COME UP WITH A SATISFACTORY FAA EXPERTT FOR THE PERSONNEL
LICENSING POSITION, SOMEONE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED
AND ADAPTABLE TO OMANI CONDITIONS. SHOULD WE BE UNABLE TO
DO THIS, HE WILL DOUBTLESS LOOK ELSEWHERE NOT ONLY TO FILL
THIS SLOT BUT FOR OTHER TWO FAA SLOTS AS WELL. I WOULD
LIKE THE SEARCH FOR SMITH'S REPLACEMENT TO BE GIVEN HIGH
PRIORITY AS WELL AS THE MOST CAREFUL ATTENTION THAT IS
POSSIBLE.
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